

The Honorable Michael K. Powell
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Chairman Powell:

I am writing to urge you NOT to support the pending merger of EchoStar and HUGHES, the parent company of DIRECTV. Although I am not a DIRECTV customer, I believe the merger will ultimately increase the cost of satellite services for consumers like me because the combined company will effectively be a monopoly.

I currently have broadband access to the Internet, but the combination of EchoStar and HUGHES will result in significantly decreased competition in the satellite market.

I appreciate your consideration of my views.

Sincerely,

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